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province of Bengal. Of the deaths during the week ended March 23, 1,040 occurred in Calcutta.

In Karachi up to April 4 there had occurred 887 cases and 670 deaths of plague.

*Hongkong.*—During the five weeks from February 9 to March 16 there occurred at Hongkong, 3, 5, 7, 14, and 14 new cases of plague, and 3, 5, 6, 15, and 11 deaths of plague, respectively—that is to say, together, 40 deaths of plague.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—On the English transport ship *Antillian*, arrived in Sydney on March 3 from Cape Town, the plague was diagnosed in the case of a stoker. The man died soon after he had been conveyed to the quarantine station. Upon an examination of the ship which thereupon took place, as well as in the cases of 3 other troopships which had just arrived at the same time from South Africa, numerous rats infected with plague bacilli were discovered. According to a communication of March 12, the 3 ships were to be carefully disinfected, and an effort made to exterminate the rats before the ships made another voyage. It was decided that the first-named ship on which the stoker was taken sick with the plague should not be used at all for conveying troops to South Africa.

Besides the plague cases reported from West Australia and Queensland, 1 plague case was also reported in Sydney, from Adelaide and from Melbourne at the beginning of March.

QUEENSLAND.—The first plague cases reported from the district near Brisbane had been followed by 2 fresh cases—up to March 11—in the center of Brisbane itself. Furthermore, a 6-year-old boy died there of the plague after a short sickness.

According to a communication of March 17, no further plague cases had occurred in Brisbane since March 11.

WEST AUSTRALIA.—During the week ending March 16, 4 fresh cases of plague, but no deaths from plague were reported. On March 16, 5 plague patients were under treatment.

#### *Cholera.*

HONGKONG.—Fourteen cases of cholera among Chinese occurred on a ship arrived from Singapore at the end of February. Nine cases terminated fatally.

Respectfully,

FRANK H. MASON,  
*Consul-General.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

#### GUATEMALA.

#### *Report from Livingston—Fruit port.*

LIVINGSTON, GUATEMALA, *May 9, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly reports: Two steamships (fruiters) have been inspected. One from New Orleans, steamship *Bengensen*, Captain Klamsan; crew, 16; all well; sanitation good; steamship *Managua*, Captain Gunderson; Mobile; and well. The health of Livingston and adjacent country is good. No deaths since last report. Having no fumigating apparatus, I decline passengers.

Respectfully,

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